

(b) providing a cable encircling member having a width exceeding a width of said cable tie strap and in flattened state throughout a full length thereof;

(c) assembling said single cable tie and said cable encircling member such that said cable tie strap overlies a first outer surface of said cable encircling member; and

(d) forming said cable encircling member from such flattened state into a spiral coil interiorly of said cable tie and encircling said conductors.

7. (new) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said step (d) is practiced at least one location longitudinally of said conductors.

8. (new) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said conductors are selected to be of a given total number and wherein said step (d) is practiced by disposing said cable encircling member in encircling relation to the entirety of said given number of conductors.

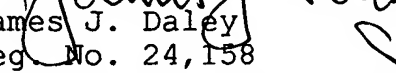
9. (new) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein step (b) is practiced by providing said cable encircling member with an aperture extending between first and second outer surfaces of said cable encircling member, and wherein said step (c) is practiced by rendering said cable tie strap resident in said aperture.

10. (new) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said step (b) is practiced by providing said cable encircling member with a passage extending along a first outer surface of said cable encircling member, and wherein said step (c) is practiced by rendering said cable tie strap resident in said passage.

REMARKS

The newly-submitted claims are all dependent claims, rendered in method aspect. Reliance is placed on In re Fine, 5 USPQ 2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and Ex parte Kochan, 131 USPQ 204 (Bd. App. 1960) for allowance of these dependent claims, since they differ in scope from parent independent claim 6, indicated as patentable.

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